

## MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.

### Re: New Message Rate System for Telephones.

**Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY** (Chitaldrug).—Sir, today I have tabled an adjournment motion regarding the new message rate system for telephones that has come into force from the morning of 16th March 1955. I have tabled an adjournment motion. If you will permit me, I will explain how it is of public importance. . . .

**Mr. SPEAKER.**—We will take it up tomorrow.

### Statement by Minister.

**Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA** (Minister for Home and Industries).—Sir, yesterday, I made a small mistake when I gave out the ruling prices of commodities. For horse gram the prevailing rate is Rs. 20 to Rs. 21 per palla. But by mistake I mentioned it as Rs. 30 to Rs. 31 per palla. I beg to be excused for the same.

### Members' right to free use of Telephones.

**Mr. SPEAKER.**—About the new message rate system, I find it concerns the Hon'ble Members immediately. If any arrangement has to be made for their convenience, I would like to know the same. I want to know if anything can be done before going through the procedure and all that.

**Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.**—My adjournment motion is pertaining to the rules of the message rate system that has been introduced in Bangalore from the early hours of today. Formerly, before 1951, we were paying Rs. 10, as rental per month for a telephone, to the Mysore Government.

**Mr. SPEAKER.**—Government was paying.

**\* Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.**—The public that owned telephones in Bangalore were paying Rs. 10 per month as rental before 1951. After it was integrated with the Government of India, with the Post and Telegraphs

Department, it was enhanced from Rs. 10 per month which we were paying. Now, from today, in addition to paying Rs. 10 per month. . . .

**Mr. SPEAKER.**—Before taking up this adjournment motion, I want to know whether any inconvenience has been caused to the Hon'ble Members, so that it can be set right. Tomorrow we will take up the adjournment motion.

**Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.**—We have to pay for it. That is the most inconvenient thing.

**Mr. SPEAKER.**—Because it touches the pocket of the Hon'ble Members.

**\* Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.**—Under the rules we are entitled to free furnished lodging. The Speaker has to decide whether free furnished lodging will not also include telephones. We are entitled for free furnished quarters with all amenities including kitchen utensils and all essential amenities that are necessary for legislators. Telephone is also a necessity for every legislator to discharge his duty because he has to be in touch with so many prominent persons and officers and many public men also want to contact us. So, the service of a telephone is absolutely necessary for every legislator in order to enable him to discharge his duty better and more efficiently and also to serve the public more effectively. Further the definition of free furnished quarters also includes telephone.

**\* Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK** (Molakalmuru).—Does the supply of free arc include free supply of radio to a Minister? Because, very recently in the Gazette it was published that the Minister was entitled to fix a radio and all that at the cost of Government. So, this is also another kind of radio for which a member is entitled to free supply.

**Mr. SPEAKER.**—I understand the point. It is a matter of interpretation of the rules and we have to be guided by the present rules till they are amended. It is purely a matter of interpretation of the rules now in force and we will always try to interpret the rules in favour of the members, but we cannot by pass the rules.

**Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.**—It is entirely a new rule.

**Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.**—Hitherto, a convention has been built up for the free supply of telephones and the members were using these telephones free of cost. Should not the convention be respected?

**Mr. SPEAKER.**—I will have a talk with the Leader of the House.

### Business of this House.

**Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).**—Regarding the programme for the session, Sir, I find from the revised programme that the session has been extended up to 19th of April. But Sir, you were kind enough to promise that you would also consult the Leader of the Opposition. Now I am taken by surprise, as the new programme is in my hands.

**Mr. SPEAKER.**—I am sorry to say that the Hon'ble Leader of the Opposition was not present because we wanted to inform him earlier so that we could adjust the future programme. We waited for a day or two.

**Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.**—My own idea is that we should have a break between the Budget Session and the Legislative Session. Another thing is, we have got other important subjects to be discussed. There is the Audit and Appropriation Report, the Report of the working of Public Service Commission as also the Report of the Race Course Committee, but no provision has been made for the discussion of these reports.

**\*Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).**—The discussion on these reports are not automatic. These are not bodies which are created by the Legislative Assembly or the Legislative Council. It is only those reports that come up for discussion. But other reports are placed on the Table for the sake of information so that the members can make use of that information and ask such questions as they like or use that

information in such manner as they deem fit. Automatically they would not come up for discussion.

**Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY (Chitaldrug).**—I have already sent two motions.

**Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Molakalmuru).**—The Audit and Appropriation Report can be taken into consideration if any member were to make a request to that effect.

**Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.**—I have already sent two motions, one relating to Appropriation Accounts and Audit Report for 1953 and the other, the Report on the working of the Public Service Commission. What I would like to impress upon this House is that Government may allot some days for discussing these reports, but non-official days which are meant for non-official business should not be utilised for discussing these reports. That is my point of view.

**Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS (St. John's Hill).**—We had three days' discussion on States Re-organisation and hardly nine members have spoken out of a House of 105 members and the Government have allotted only two more days. I would request you to let me know what mathematics was involved when remaining 96 members have to speak in two days.

**Mr. SPEAKER.**—We will consider all these matters tomorrow or day after tomorrow, and I shall let you know after consulting with the Leader of the House.

**Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.**—Regarding another Committee Report that is going to be published and placed before this House, that is, regarding Mineral Wealth Committee, I understand that the Committee have already submitted their report to Government and if that comes up before this Assembly, provision also may be made for the discussion of that report.

**Mr. SPEAKER.**—Now we will proceed with the Demands.